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IN KOREA

REF: A) STATE 130459 B) KUALA LUMPUR 2757

1. CHARGE CALLED ON MFA UNDERSECRETARY RAZALEIGH JUNE 13 TO DISCUSS U.S. GROUND FORCE WITHDRAWALS FROM KOREA, A CALL PUT OFF AT RAZALEIGH'S REQUEST BECAUSE OF HIS BUSY SCHEDULE. CHARGE MADE POINTS CITED REFTEL AND GAVE RAXALEIGH AN EXTRACT FROM ASST SECY HOLBROOKE'S JULY 5 SINGAPORE STRAITS TIMES INTERVIEW (WHICH INCIDENTALLY, WAS NOT CARRIED BY PRESS HERE). AFTER AN EXTENDED DISCUSSION OF THE U.S. SECUTITY POSTURE IN EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. AND OF REMARKS BY HOME MINISTER GHAZALI SHAFIE AT THE RECENT BALI CONFERENCE, RAZALEIGH STATED THAT IN VIEW OF ITS NONALIGNED POSTURE THE GOM COULD HAVE NO PUBLIC STAND ON THIS MATTER. HE FREELY ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT MANY OFFICIALS WERE NERVOUS OVER THE POSSIBLE CON-SEQUENCES OF A REDUCTION IN THE U.S. FORCES IN KOREA IN TERMS OF REGIONAL STABILITY (SEE PARA 2, REF (B)). AS AN MFA OFFICIAL, HE SAID, WITH APPARENT SINCERITY, HE ACCEPTED OUR ASSURANCES THAT THE ROK WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY STRENGTHENED TO KEEP THE BALANCE ON THE GROUND, BUT THE GENERAL PUBLIC, INFLUENCED BY PRESS STORIES FROM JAPAN AND THE U.S., REMAINS TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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